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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Rev. [illegible] advised 4/52 Subject and [illegible] were former Iron Guardists in Romania. Informant advised Rev. [illegible] publicly backed Rev. [illegible] and attacked Subject while actually supporting Subject. Newspaper Tribune reflects article informant believes written by V. [illegible] [illegible], Roumanian Orthodox Church, Aris, France suggesting priests in Roumanian Orthodox Church in US stay neutral in current split in Church in US until Church in Roumania is again free. Informant advises two brothers named [illegible] (brother in [illegible] position to furnish information on Subject. Pending case of [illegible] Orthodox Church vs. Revs. [illegible] and [illegible] at Cincinnati, his day of he died until 10/53. Information regarding [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible], alleged relatives of Subject, set out.

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At Detroit, Michigan:

On April 4, 1952 Reverend [illegible] [illegible], 2650 Holly, Warborn, Michigan, was interviewed by [illegible] [illegible] regarding another matter, at which time [illegible] advised that the newspaper "America" is a strongly anti-Communist newspaper and is

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actually an Iron Guard paper with the purpose of extending the Iron Guard movement in the United States. According to T-2, (Reverend) J. M. TRIPA is an Iron Guardist and is backed by Victor TRIPA, the Subject, who was the number one man under Premier Gheorghe TRIPA in Rumania in the early 1940s.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-1, who has been furnishing reliable information to date, advised that it is generally conceded by members of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the United States that the Subject is the man in charge of Vatra, Grass Lake, Michigan, at the present time. Further, that Reverends JOHN TRIPA and ANX/CUC are behind the Subject, and that Reverends CHICORIN, CARU and TRIPA are behind Reverend A. TRIPA in the current factional split of the Rumanian Orthodox Church.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, advised that in the October, 1951 issue of the newspaper, "Tribune" on page 1, a pro-Slovenian newspaper published in Detroit and supposedly financed by the SLOVENIAN MTU/ARTIS, an article appears, which according to T-2, attacks the Subject and his position in the Rumanian Orthodox Church. The author of this article is anonymous, but T-2 believes the article was written by Reverend STEVE DEANU. T-2 further advised that shortly before the publication of this article DEANU had visited Vatra, Grass Lake, Michigan, giving his support to the Subject. T-2 stated that this is another example indicating the difficulty in determining whose side individuals are on in the current Church split. Further, that DEANU is publicly backing TRIPA and attacking the Subject, while actually he is supporting the Subject.

T-2 further stated that DEANU is aware of the DEANU-TRIPA meeting.

Also in the same issue of the "Tribune" an article appears by an anonymous author, which article T-2 believes was written by Victor TRIPA, Rumanian Orthodox Church, Paris, France. This article states and recommends that since the Subject was not ordained by Canonist authority, which is required by the Rumanian Orthodox Church and because the trial in Federal Court, Cleveland, Ohio was a civil trial and not an ecclesiastical trial, it is therefore suggested that all priests in the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the United States should remain neutral, taking neither side in the current split until the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Rumania is again free.

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T-2 further advised there are two brothers by the name of TRIPA (phonetic) who reside in either Indiana Harbor or Gary, Indiana who entered the United States approximately 3 or 4 years ago. T-2 stated the brothers came to the United States from Rumania and were both members of the Iron Guard having been connected with R. I. 171. According to T-2, the brothers are publicly opposed to the Subject and could undoubtedly furnish information regarding the Subject.

On December 11, 1952, SA JAMES E. WHELAN and WILLIAM T. FINE of the Cleveland Office interviewed one NICHOLAS P. STANISLAWSKI, 1357 East 57th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. STANISLAWSKI advised that V. I. TRIPA was the leader of the student movement in Rumania which was part of the Rumanian Iron Guard in 1940 and 1941. Further, that the Subject and members of the student movement were primarily interested in obtaining better education, jobs and better living conditions in Rumania and also were interested in fighting Communism. STANISLAWSKI stated he is not familiar with the TRIPA Manifesto or the Iron Guard activities of the Subject, other than the fact that TRIPA was the head of the student movement. He added that in 1950 he (STANISLAWSKI) came to Cleveland, Ohio and was a guest of Reverend J. M. WENZEL, 1201 Detroit Street, Cleveland, Ohio, about 2 months.

Mrs. V. I. TRIPA, Chief Deputy, United States Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that the case of the Rumanian Orthodox Missionary Episcopate of America through His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS versus IOAN TRIPA, VIOREL TRIPA, et al, has been certified, a record filed, and the case docketed on October 27, 1952. Mrs. TRIPA stated that the earliest date this case could come to trial would be April 19, 1953 but that it is more likely that it will not be tried until October, 1953.

The records of the Merchants Credit Bureau and Michigan Merchants Credit Association, Detroit, as reviewed by SA JAMES E. WHELAN on January 5 and 7, 1953, reflect GEORGE and ELEANOR TRIPA reside at 1735 Leclairre, Detroit and GEORGE TRIPA is employed at the Ford Motor Company.

The records of the Identification Division, Detroit Police Department, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, as reviewed by SA JAMES E. WHELAN on January 12, 1953, reflect no record of either GEORGE or ELEANOR TRIPA.

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Confidential Informant Detroit T-3, of known reliability, but whose sources are unknown and who is familiar with subversive activities in Detroit and vicinity, advised he is not acquainted with either GEORGE G. G. or E. VIA G. G.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-4, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the Subject, advised in August, 1957 that the Subject has a cousin or aunt whose name is Mrs. E. VIA G. G. G. G., 367 Cortland, Highland Park, Michigan. T-4 advised that Mrs. G. G. had sent medicine to members of the Subject's family while the Subject was still in Rumania. The Subject is alleged to have taken this medicine and distributed it as he saw fit.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-5, of known reliability, but whose sources are unknown, advised that GEORGE G. G. and E. VIA G. G. attended a convention of the Union and League of Rumanian Societies of America, Incorporated held at Windsor, Canada from September 3 to 9, 1950.

T-2 advised that the Union and League of Rumanian Societies of America, Incorporated is a Rumanian fraternal organization with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, and appears presently to be an anti-Communist organization.

T-5 further stated that he heard from a source of unknown reliability that GEORGE G. G., 367 Cortland, Highland Park, Michigan, was President of the social club, Avram Jancu of Detroit, a Communist "front" organization and further that E. VIA G. G. was a member of the International Workers Order.

The T-5 has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-6, of known reliability, advised on September 18, 1947 that GEORGE G. G., the manager of George Lazar Hall, 1735 Bequindre, Detroit, is a member of the C. Conces Society, Rumanian Section, 1947.